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Hi all,

I'm not going to go into all the details from each team on these debriefs, but I want to capture the successes and roadblocks that we might be encountering so that we can all be aware of them. I also, unfortunately, had technical issues (user error) during the call today and our team had to call back in (twice). So I missed a bit of info from two of the teams. If anyone wants to add or correct anything that is in these emails, feel free to do that and reply all. Thanks.

Topics Covered

1. Harris County has two Disaster Recovery Centers. EPA is welcome to set up a table and hand out fact sheets at both, which we are planning on doing starting on Tuesday. Printing limitation is an issue because while one DRC can make copies, the other cannot. Fort Bend is going to their DRC on Tuesday. There are currently 15 DRCs in the state, including the 3 new ones that opened this week. Some are located near where people relocated to – like Dallas. Others are nearer to the damaged areas. To locate the nearest DRC, citizens can type in their address at this site:
<http://asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/mobile.htm>
2. CLs in all counties have been able to reach out to EOCs, Health Departments, and city officials. Some places can print up fact sheets for themselves, some can't. Again, printing limitation is an issue. We all need to make sure that we capture this concern/need in our reports to Janetta.
3. **In order to facilitate a request for printing, we need a list of all the fact sheets and a spreadsheet to indicate how many each team needs for each fact sheet. (I think) Isabel volunteered to put this together and put it in the OneDrive folder for all of us to edit. Those that can't get into this spreadsheet electronically, please see someone who can and they will help you get your request for printed materials into the master list.**
4. We all seem to have places to go and contacts to be made in our respective counties. If we don't, we will let Janetta know so that she can give out new assignments.
5. Household Hazardous Waste is an issue in several places. FEMA is not directly contracting to haul it away, but is reimbursing the city or county to do this. Citizens should be pressing their typical government agency to haul the waste. (I also heard this from a FEMA person being interviewed on NPR this afternoon.)
6. Galveston County would like EPA's help to disseminate the info that Chlorine is good to use to kill bacteria, contrary to what it says in a booklet (which booklet?).
7. James MacDonald (Assistant Regional Administrator -R6) thanked us for our work to help Texas recover and heard our concerns about printing. He was in the lab today and listened in on our call.

8. EPA observed that a Galveston County meeting agenda instructed residents to contact Senator Cruz's office if citizens are having problems dealing with the Federal agencies.

09/12/17 Meeting Discussion Points

A. CLs would like any update on authorization to have more fact sheets printed. We will continue to request that the organization provide their own printing, but we need to be able to have printed ones on hand if they can't.

Thanks everyone!

-Joan

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